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## Township Aquatics Division has fantastic showing at regional, state and national competitions

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (August 10, 2015) – A team from The Woodlands Township Aquatics Division took a second place overall finish at the 2015 Texas State Lifeguard Championship in College Station, Texas. In order to qualify to attend the State competition, teams must place in the top three at a sanctioned competition. Two teams from The Woodlands Township qualified for the meet by placing first and second at the Gulf Coast Aquatics Association Texan Guard Shootout in Houston on July 20, 2015.

This year's accomplishment follows an overall finish of third place in 2014 and six State Championships in the last decade. These State titles were won in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. This year's aquatics team consisted of Luke Crumley, Elyssa Johnson, Jackson Greenwade and Austin Reed, and was coached by Lifeguard Coordinator Caroline Pierce.

Also, more than 30 young swimmers from The Woodlands Township's TAAF (Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation) swim teams qualified to compete in the State Games of America in Lincoln, Nebraska. Four families chose to attend and compete in various events, and these swimmers represented the Township in the Olympic-style opening ceremonies parade.

Of the swimmers who competed, Jason Sharer brought home one gold, one silver and one bronze medal; Jamil Staten won one gold, two silver and one bronze medal; and Isabelle Irani earned two gold and two silver medals. The Woodlands Township congratulates the Aquatics Division for another successful year in various competitions.

For more information on The Woodlands Township's Aquatics Programs, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/pools or call 281-210-3800.





The Woodlands Township congratulates (left to right) Austin Reed, Luke Crumley, Elyssa Johnson and Jackson Greenwade for a second place overall finish at the 2015 Texas State Lifeguard Championships in College Station, Texas.



A number of gold, silver and bronze medals were won in Lincoln, Nebraska, for The Woodlands Aquatics Division by (left to right) Jamil Staten, Isabelle Irani and Jason Sharer.